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CHAPTER IV.—1859-1878—Dr. W. W. Everts' Pastorate

The coming of Dr. W. W. Everts from the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., in July 1859, as the ninth pastor was a marked event in the history of the First Church. Dr. Everts' first notable effort was to secure the payment of the debt of \$14,000 resting on the church

pired in the history of the church, fraught with so much of good, or which opened the way for such generous and courageous effort in the future to advance the cause of Christ, as the provision thus made for the discharge of all her financial liabilities.

The first mission started through the efforts of Dr. Everts was the one on Indiana avenue corner of Thirtieth street, where lots were secured and a building erected which resulted in 1864 in the organization of the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, largely from members of the First Church, and the property valued at \$25,000 deeded to it, by the First Church. Dr. Justin A. Smith, the editor was the first pastor.

In 1860 steps were taken largely through Dr. Everts' efforts, which led to the formation of the "Baptist Theological Union, located at Chicago," a corporation which founded the "Baptist Union Theological Seminary" now the "Divinity School of the University of Chicago." The initial meeting was held in 1860 in the Pastor's study of the First Church. In 1861 a few brethren formed a preliminary organization which was completed in 1863. The first meeting of the board of trustees was held in The Standard office, August 28, 1863, at which time the writer was chosen treasurer and at that time thirty-three dollars were handed to him as a financial basis for the new institution whose expenditures, yearly are now over \$60,000. Dr. Everts secured the money for the first payment on the 214 feet of land on which was erected the first building for the Seminary, now occupied by the Chicago Baptist Hospital. He also secured from the Colgates of New



DR. W. W. EVERTS

building. After a wonderful sermon from the text, "The Love of Christ constraineth us," on the morning of September 25, and efforts on subsequent days, the whole amount was raised and the debt paid. This cleared the way for the advanced denominational movements which lay so near the heart of the Pastor. Perhaps no event of a merely temporal nature had ever trans-

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York land on the west side, now valued at \$10,000. Members of the First Church, under the influence of the Pastor contributed liberally, in founding the Seminary, among whom were James E. Tyler the largest donor.

In 1867 the Seminary was fully organized with Dr. G. W. Northrup as president, who with Dr. T. W. Goodspeed as financial secretary secured the endowment of \$200,000. The Seminary was removed to Morgan Park in September, 1877, and in October, 1892, was returned to Chicago and became the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, the Dano-Norwegian and Swedish departments remaining at Morgan Park.

The first years of Dr. Everts' pastorate revealed his large faith, unconquerable zeal and energy, which gave him power to surmount obstacles, especially when sustained by a large and united church.

In July, 1861, one of the most notable efforts of the First Church was in connection with the consolidation of the Chicago Avenue and Wells Street Missions and the



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Bremer Avenue Mission, under the name of the North Star Mission with R. M. Graves as superintendent, and in December of the same year, a new mission building, at the corner of Division and Sedgwick streets, costing \$2,500, was erected and dedicated in 1862. Rev George L. Wrenn was the efficient Pastor for many years. He baptized many converts. A parsonage was completed in March 1867. Among the

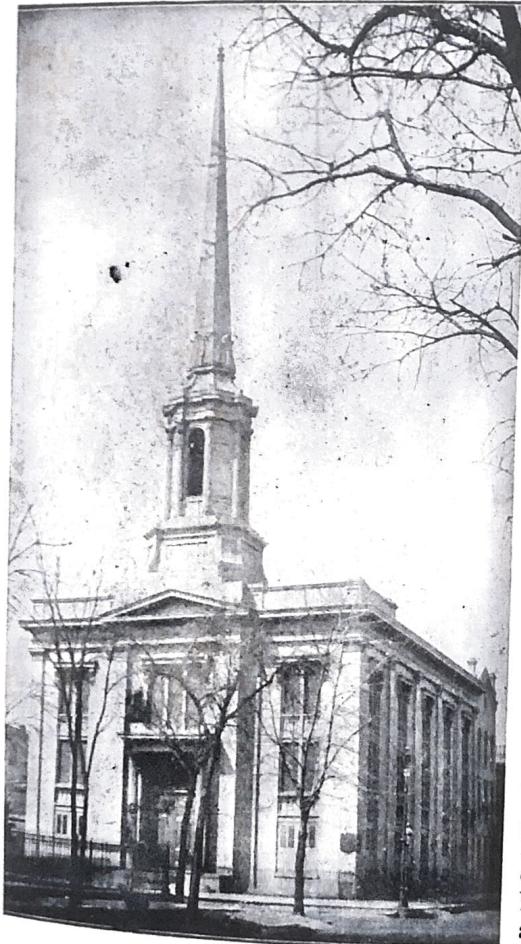
older Sunday School workers at the North Star was Mr. Daniel W. Baker who successfully consecrated his time and money in promoting its interests. The expenses of the North Star Mission were largely met by contributions from members of the First Church, until in 1870 it became self-supporting and under the leadership of Mr. Wrenn was organized into an independent church with some eighty members. The property was entirely destroyed in the great fire of 1871. The final proceeds of this property were used in establishing the La Salle Avenue Baptist Church.

In 1864 Mr. B. F. Jacobs was elected superintendent of the home Sunday School and with great efficiency held this position eleven years during which time he expended thousands of dollars for the support of the Sunday Schools of the First Church.

In 1864 when the First Church had obtained a position of usefulness in home and mission work and church extension "the advancing tide of commercial enterprise, levying new demands upon the central portion of the city for the theatre of its operations, was heard surging against the walls of the old edifice on Washington street and admonished the church that the spot so long hallowed by innumerable tender and sacred associations, must soon yield to the march of events. The conviction had for some time been forced upon many of the church that the centers of population and business in the city were undergoing such important changes that the time was not far distant when the place of worship must be changed." The Chamber of Commerce offered \$65,000 for the site exclusive of the church building, which was accepted. The church voted at the same time that the house of worship and a portion of the \$65,000 should be distributed among the other Baptist Churches of the city, which had been organized in whole or in part from its membership. The distribution was as follows: To such members as should unite with others in forming the Second Baptist Church, in the west division of the city, the building and fixtures of the former house of worship, valued at \$10,000. To the North Baptist Church (now the Fourth Church) \$4,000. To the Wabash Avenue Church (now the Immanuel Church) \$3,000. To the Berean Church \$1,000. To the Olivet (colored) Church \$500. Total \$25,000.

The Second Baptist Church which included members of the Tabernacle Church and some fifty members of the First Church living on the west side, caused the building to be carefully taken down and re-erected on the corner of Morgan and Monroe streets at a cost of \$17,000. Rev. E. J. Goodspeed, D. D. was the first Pastor, Rev. W. M. Lawrence, D. D. is the Pastor at the present time. The Second Church is today one of the largest and most successful of any in the Baptist denomination.

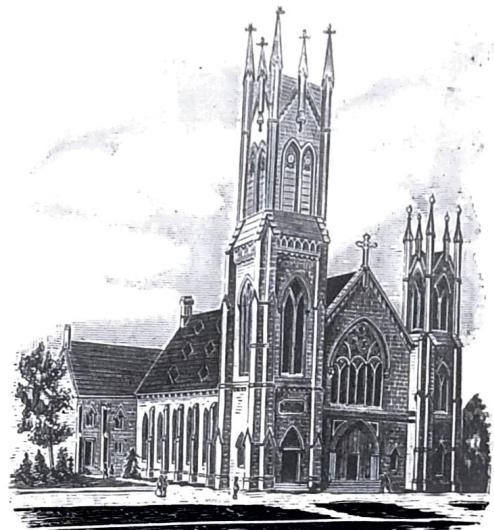
The North Church with the aid of \$6,500 which prospered for some years under the pastorate of Dr. Justin A. Smith, Dr. S. W. Lynd, Dr. A. H. Strong, Dr. A. A. Kendrick, Dr. Reuben Jeffrey, Rev. O. T. Walker, and Rev. J. T. Westover,



First Baptist Church, erected 1834. Second Baptist Church re-erected 1864.

was totally swept out of existence and the members scattered by the great fire of 1871. The small sum of about \$1,500 saved from the property was contributed to the Central Church enterprise now the Belden Avenue Baptist Church, with its able Pastor Dr. M. W. Haynes.

The First Church, in 1864 with \$50,000



First Baptist Church 1866.

left from the sale of the old property on Washington street, expended about half the amount in the purchase of a site on Wabash avenue just south of Hubbard Court 112 feet front by 165 feet to the alley. Large subscriptions were added to the \$50,000 and a beautiful edifice was erected costing with the lot and furnishings \$175,000. The whole building 165 feet deep included a two story rear building for lecture room and Sunday School above. The main audience room was 70 by 105 feet, and 56 feet in height, and seated 1,550 persons in the pews and galleries above. On January 1, 1865 the lecture room seating 600 people was dedicated and used for worship and on March 26 following the "Children's Chapel" was ready for use. This was a celebrated day specially for B. F. Jacobs and his Sunday School. On March 18, 1866, the magnificent auditorium was dedicated. The cost of the whole building had far exceeded the original estimates and a debt of \$75,000 had to be met. With courage unsurpassed Dr. Everts preached the morning dedication sermon and in his own inimitable way made an appeal for

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subscriptions which resulted in pledges for \$53,000. Dr. Richard Fuller of Baltimore preached in the evening. Not only was the entire sum needed provided for but an additional \$10,000 was added the next year (1867) to complete the main tower.

The years succeeding the erection of the "cathedral-like" building, were years of great success. There was marked consecration in connection with all church and mission work. The great Head of the Church smiled upon the efforts put forth and conversions were numerous. During this period there were 1,000 members of the church and about 2,000 scholars in the Home and mission schools, including the large Bible Class of about 400 members, led by B. F. Jacobs.

The "Shields Mission Sabbath School of the First Baptist Church" was the means of great good and the conversion of many souls. In 1871 a new location on Twenty-fifth street near Wentworth avenue was occupied, a large building erected, and a church organized. Rev. L. T. Bush was Pastor of the Twenty-fifth Street Church for five years and was much blessed in his labors. The membership increased to 225 and the average attendance of the Sunday School was 400. The First Church continued to contribute towards the annual expenses some thousand dollars a year. From financial embarrassments and other causes the church property could not be saved and in 1879 the church disbanded.

On October 11, 1866, the Pastor and church were greatly bereaved by the death of Mrs. Margaret K. Everts, of blessed memory. Says one who knew her well: "In the seven years walk of that pious and beautiful woman with this church none knew her but to love her, and none named her but to praise. She was a woman of great culture and refinement, as also of deep piety, and of remarkable executive ability. She devised, organized, and led in the execution of numerous systems of charity and benevolence not only of this church, but in the wider circles of society, where all the various churches and creeds of the city were represented, she won all hearts. Her presence in the church continued a blessing, until exhausted by too great self-sacrifice and toil in her Master's service the silver cord was loosed and the golden bowl was broken."

In May, 1867, the Baptist National Anniversaries were held in the First Church. The invitation "Come one, Come all"

brought about 3,000 persons, who were entertained, a large number being domiciled in the church building and meals served in the lecture room.

In 1869 Dr. G. W. Northrup supplied the pulpit with very marked acceptance for six months, during the vacation of the Pastor in Europe.

Dr. Everts on his return was warmly welcomed not only for his own sake but also on account of the lady who had become his wife. At the large evening gathering of the church and congregation, Mr. Cyrus Bentley ably and enthusiastically made the address of welcome, with special reference to the happy success of the Pastor in returning home with a companion so "gracious and queenly." Mrs. Everts continues with us an esteemed member of the First Church.

On June 28, 1868 occurred the death of Hon. Charles Walker, who had co-



CHARLES WALKER

operated with the church since 1835. "He filled the offices of trustee and deacon with faithful devotion to the best interests of the church. A man of great forecast, of wise counsels, and large liberality, he, perhaps more than any other person carried the church through some of its darkest periods of financial embarrassments."

In May, 1871 the churches of the city united with the First Church in an invitation to the societies to hold the Anniversaries for the third time in Chicago. In order that all sections of the city might be better accommodated, the meetings were

held in Farwell Hall of the Y. M. C. A. on Madison street, near La Salle street. The annual sermon before the American Baptist Missionary Union was delivered by Rev. S. R. Mason, D. D., of Massachusetts. The previous year at Philadelphia, Dr. Everts had preached the annual sermon.

On October 9, 1871 occurred the great fire of Chicago. A relief department was established in the lecture room of the church, and in a few days over 12,000 meals were given to the destitute ones, and a supply store of clothing, etc., was kept during the succeeding winter. The great fire swept out of existence the business portion of the city. While it left unharmed the church structure many of the members lost their homes as well as their business, and were obliged to seek new homes remote from the church location. The original church records and also those up to the date of the fire were unfortunately destroyed in the burned residence on Michigan avenue of Cyrus Bentley the clerk.

The First Church notwithstanding discouragements held boldly on, and was

rapidly recuperating, when in July 1874, the second great fire swept the south side of the city, involving the entire destruction of the noble building of the First Church, the insurance on which was quite limited. In the midst of such disaster and discouragement, God granted enduring faith and bold and courageous leadership to hold together, and inspiration to seek to regain what was lost, and achieve new victories. The church for a time worshiped on the corner of Michigan avenue and Fourteenth street, afterwards in a room at 666 Wabash avenue.

Soon after the fire, a new site for the church was purchased on South Park avenue corner of Thirty-first street, and the present building erected at a cost of \$80,000. In September, 1875 the rear part of the building on Thirty-first street was ready for use, and in April, 1876 the main audience room was opened for worship. In the same year the Indiana avenue church was merged into the First Church and its property sold to the Fifth Presbyterian Church. The three years following were years of anxiety and peril. The losses by



First Baptist Church, Chicago, Present Building on South Park Avenue, corner of Thirty-First Street. Erected in 1876.

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the two great fires and the panic of 1873 crippled many of the loyal adherents of the church. Funds for its missions and for its new house of worship, with unavailable assets, reached the appalling sum of \$80,000. And yet, in spite of all these discouragements, the church was bravely maintained, and many were added by baptism, and by letter from other churches.

On January 1, 1879, Dr. Everts, worn with the long toil of nearly twenty years, rendered his resignation and closed his arduous and consecrated pastorate. During his notable career some of the most marked and wonderful events had occurred in the history of the church. His closing Sunday was a day never to be erased from the memory of those present. The necessity which caused Dr. Everts to close his pastorate was greatly deplored, and many were

the hearts that were sad, as they contemplated his retirement.

During Dr. Everts' pastorate of nineteen and half years, ending January 1, 1879, about 1,800 new members were received about 800 of whom were by baptism.

Dr. Everts in consequence of his great ability in preaching, and skill in raising money, was constantly called upon to assist in dedicating meeting houses and in securing the needed subscriptions and cash. In connection with his pastorate in Chicago, he thus rendered great service to the denomination in the northwest and other sections of the country. The First Church with its accustomed generosity, consented for the Pastor to be absent many Sundays in the year, and thus co-operated in advancing the cause of the Master in the cities and towns outside of Chicago.

(To be continued).



The Church at Work

Christian Endeavor

Miss E. M. Pickett, Dept. Editor

The month of June has been a very busy one for us. We have added seven new members to the active list of the society. We welcome most heartily to all the pleasures, privileges and work of the society, Miss Mabel Moers, Miss Maud Moers, Mrs. Hamlin, Miss Rose Beecher, Miss Anna Paetus, Mr. Robt. Leland, and Mr. Henry Chase.

This month of July begins a new term of work, under the leadership of Mr. Arthur R. Rhenisch, president; J. A. Hessler, vice president; Miss Mary Marx, recording secretary; Miss Blanche Harvey, corresponding secretary, and Miss MacFadden, treasurer, Junior superintendent; Miss Frances Googins. The Lookout Committee work is in charge of Miss Clara Stowell; Prayer Meeting Committee, Miss Elizabeth M. Pickett; Social, Miss Florence Kellow; Missionary, Miss Helen A. Pickett; Yokefellows, Mr. Fred S. Allen; Sunday School, Miss Daisy Marx; Good Literature, Miss Blanche E. Pickett; Visiting, Mr. H. F. Perkins; Music, Miss Beatrice Little.

The outdoor work is well under way

now, and we shall be most grateful if the evening Monday evenings are as pleasant as those of this month. An earnest, consecrated spirit seems to pervade the meetings, and the workers. Come and share the blessing of this work with us.

Tuesday evening, June 7th, we enjoyed a very pleasant social time in the church parlors. Admission was by measurement, five cents a foot and one cent for every additional inch. It is doubtful if the Department of Weights and Measures at Washington would be able to pass favorably upon the scale of measurement used by Mr. Rhenisch to determine the height of those present that evening. It was not an invariable scale. Silhouettes and games with music by Miss Edith Gale, and Miss Rose Beecher were very pleasant features of the evening, for which we thank our Social Committee whose neat invitations from the presses of Mr. Nickells drew a large number of young people to the church rooms that evening. The proceeds, about twenty-one dollars, go to the Raymond Chapel Building Fund.

Boat Ride

Saturday, August 13, 1904, 3 to 10 p. m. An excursion on the lake among our friends. Such an opportunity as this no one should miss.

The Indianapolis will take us to Michigan City where we spend a pleasant hour, returning at 7:30 reaching home at the Bush Street Dock at 10 p. m. All this for seventy-five cents for adults, and forty cents for children. The steamship company has granted us a very liberal percentage on all tickets sold by us, which will be devoted to the Raymond Chapel. Remember to buy your tickets of the Christian Endeavorers.

Chicago Christian Endeavor Union

Saturday, June 25, the Chicago Christian Endeavor Union had their annual lake excursion, taking the same trip and boat that we are planning to take. Though it was the day of our church and Sunday School picnic our society was well represented. A most delightful time was reported.

South Division Christian Endeavor Union held its annual election and rally at the Forty-Eighth Street Baptist Church on Thursday evening, June 9th. Mr. Arthur Ben Oliel of the Forty-first Street Presbyterian Church was elected president to succeed Mr. Frank Ault.

Chicago Baptist Young People's Union

June is the month for elections. The Chicago Association of the B. Y. P. U. held its annual meeting and election of officers at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, June 14. Mr. Morton, former president of the West Side District was elected president.

**The Women's Baptist Mission Union**

The Union met on June 14th at Evanston and our circle was well represented.

The June gathering is always an enjoyable one, meeting in one of our beautiful suburbs and bringing before us the new workers prepared for the field by the training school.

On this occasion Miss Jackson was presented as a candidate for the foreign field. Miss Pauline Seen told her own story as a Chinese girl. Miss Caraway brought a view of her visit to Palestine. Mrs. Ehlers gave the address of the afternoon.

Ladies' Benevolent Society

Mrs. W. Morava, Dept. Editor

The mellow warmth of the sun and gentle lake breezes, during the month of June, combined to give enough tone and vigor to keep alive the spirit and ambition, characteristic of this society. An invitation extended by the executive committee to an afternoon tea in the attractive church parlors met with a gratifying response. Mrs. Tomlinson consented to give a reading and chose an extract from *The Virginian*.

Mrs. Tomlinson's ability is so well known that it is unnecessary to add that the selection was rendered in her inimitable way. A very delightful feature of the programme was Mrs. Wigney's beautiful singing. To those of the company who had never listened to her rare voice it came as a pleasant surprise. We were very proud of our little Scotch singer and feel under great obligation to her. With the sweet and familiar notes of "Auld Lange Syne" lingering in the air, the little company scattered, feeling that this would in reality be the last gathering of the season, and hoping to rest and recuperate during the heated months and to be ready in the fall to work with renewed energy.

**Women's Mission Circle**

Mrs. L. B. Lingle, Dept. Editor

The beautiful day on June 10th brought a large number together to enjoy the closing meeting of the Mission Circle. In addition to our own members it was a pleasure to greet many who are not often with us, friends from other churches and especially Miss Burdette and the members of the Senior Class of the Training School. Miss Chaipie, one of their number, entertained us with a class prophecy, a rhyme, purporting to be written years hence, and introducing the students in their (supposed) future fields.

Mrs. Thomas read a paper on the reflex influence of poetry and song upon missions.

The effect of the early hymn writers upon the church in arousing a new spirit of service was shown, and the hymns, "Joy to the World, by Isaac Watts, and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," by Edward Gerrard were sung.

Mrs. Bilton gave incidents in the life

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of Edward Perudet, and Miss Green read a sketch of Miss Havegal's life and one of her many contributions to sacred poetry.

The choir sang Nathan Brown's wonderful hymn, "My Soul is not at Rest," and "Greenland's Iey Mountains," by Bishop Heber, the first hymn written especially for a missionary gathering.

Miss Day gave an account of the Casey sisters and the best known of their hymns. One sweetly solemn thought was sung by the choir.

The poem, The Lone Star, was recited by Miss Webster and Mrs. Holloway gave the life of Rev. S. F. Smith, and the incidents connected with the production of our national hymn, My Country 'Tis of Thee.

Two of the most beautiful contributions to our hymnology have been made by converts from heathenism. O thou my soul, forget no more, having been written by Khrisnu Pal, a convert of Adoniram Judson. And in the secret of His presence, by Ellen Lakshmi Goreh of India. The singing of this beautiful hymn by the choir closed an enjoyable program.

The Circle adjourned for the summer, after prayer offered by Miss Burdette.

A social hour followed the adjournment, which was presided over by Madames Jackma, Smith, Stouffer and Cochrane. Thanks are extended to the young ladies who assisted to make the occasion an enjoyable one.



Raymond Chapel

Charles H. Coyle. Dept. Editor

The husband of our Mrs. Lubins is suffering from severe injuries he received in the street car accident at 31st and Wallace which occurred several days ago.

We missed Mr. and Mrs. Coyle very much last Sunday but we rejoice that they were having a restful vacation.

Mr. Embree is not going away during the summer. The hardest period in the history of our work will be this summer. We should all make a special effort to be faithful during this testing time.

The Mission is now without a home. Elsewhere will be found particulars of the closing meeting in the dear old building. Many precious memories will always cluster about that humble and unpretentious edifice which was the spiritual birthplace of so many of the present workers as well as scores who

have gone from us and are now laboring in other fields. We know not what is to become of the building in the future. We can but hope that it may be put to some worthy use, hallowed as it is by so many sacred associations.

A word regarding the immediate future. We had hoped to procure temporary accommodations in the home of a neighboring congregation, but after accepting their hospitality for the week beginning Sunday, July 3rd, we found we could not comply with the terms imposed for the future, and we will therefore be compelled to seek other quarters after Sunday, July 10th. Of one thing we are certain, and that is, the Lord is guiding us, and therefore our only care is to know his will, and our one prayer "Lord, lead us in a plain path."

No. 381 Bowen avenue was the scene of a quiet home wedding on Wednesday evening, June 29, when Miss Barbara McKenzie was united in marriage to Mr. Geo. Edwards of St. Louis, Mo. The ceremony by Pastor A. K. de Blois. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will make their home in the World's Fair City. Our Mission has sustained a severe loss in the departure of this valued worker. She has been a faithful teacher in the Sunday School for more than thirteen years, and her unselfish life will ever be a source of inspiration and help to those who have been privileged to work with her. The tender esteem in which she is held by those who have come under her influence in the class bears eloquent testimony to her true Christian spirit and devotion to the Master's cause.

The Raymond Chapel Drill Corps was greeted by a large and appreciative audience on the occasion of their benefit entertainment given on June 23rd. The program consisted of several choral selections and a camp scene by the Drill Corps, a fancy gun drill by Capt. C. G. Wiltshire, recitations by Claribel Schmitt, violin duet by Messrs. Ruger and Osborn, piano solos by Misses Rose Maier, Adeline Schmitt, and Eva McIntyre, vocal solos by Miss Frances Leekly and Capt. Wiltshire, and a half hour of wholesome humor and fun contributed by Prof. Rogers. The climax of the entertainment was a drill-down for a gold medal, participated in by all the members of the Drill Corps. The competition was close and it was only after a spirited contest that Miss Josephine Manfroi succeeded in wresting the honor from her

final contestants, Miss Eva McIntyre and Miss Esther Powers. A number of the members of Lodge No. 12, Uniformed Rank Knights of Pythias, under command of Capt. C. D. Strong, were present and acted as Capt. Wiltshire's staff during the Drill-down. The Drill Corps wishes to express their hearty thanks to all who contributed to the success and pleasure of the entertainment.

A prospective member for the Primary Department of our Sunday School arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore last week in the person of a little daughter. We have not yet learned her name but hope we shall soon see it on our Cradle Roll.



Marriages

Amongst the many June weddings were several in which young people connected with our church or congregation were the principals.

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Mr. Lyman Arens and Miss Sadie Scott were married by the Pastor on the 15th of the month, at the home of the bride's parents on Vernon avenue.

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Mr. Willies C. Risser, son of Mrs. Risser, who has long been one of our beloved and honored members, was united in marriage on June 15, to Miss Cora Grere. The ceremony took place at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Grere on Lake avenue, only the families of the bride and groom being present.

On June 22, Mr. Will B. McCreary and Miss Ella E. Allison, two popular young people whose faces we often see at our church, took the sacred vows to "love, honor and cherish." The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents on Shields avenue, in the midst of a happy company of relatives and friends.

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Mr. Carlyle C. Garner and Miss Ella E. Schmidt were married on Saturday evening, June 25, at the home of the father of the bride on Vernon avenue.

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Miss Barbara McKenzie, loyal and devoted member of our church, and one of the faithful teachers at Raymon Chapel, took the marriage vows on the evening of June 29, the fortunate young man being Mr. George H. Edwards of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will make their home in the southwestern metropolis.

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The last wedding of the month was that of Miss Florence Smith, daughter of Mrs. Lafayette Smith, and Rev. Franklin W. Swift, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church and formerly Assistant Pastor at the First Baptist Church. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of Judge and Mrs. C. C. Kohlsaat on the west side. A large number of guests were present, and the occasion was one of great interest. Hosts of good wishes will attend this noble and gifted young couple. Their many friends in the old First Church wish them the truest happiness and the Heavenly Father's blessing.





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The Summer Church

There is no good reason why the public services of a church situated in the midst of a dense population should relax for a month or a moment. The people who need the services of the church are even more numerous than at any other time. All places of evil redouble their activities, why should the forces which make for righteousness retreat from the field of action? When and where "sin doth abound" then and there grace should much more abound.

Great Fairs prosper, great conventions gather, great summer schools flourish. Why should we not have great summer services in the Church of Christ?

The New Chapel

The old building has been sold. A new and an excellent location has been secured

and if we had enough cash on hand we could at once begin the erection of the new house of worship. Now is the time your help is most needed. All who possibly can do so are requested to hand in the amount of their pledges without delay.



The Last Service at Raymond

The last service held at Raymond on June 26th was the largest and most inspiring meeting ever conducted in the Mission. The room was crowded to the bursting point and the sidewalk was lined with those to whom the old place had become endeared from associations of years of services for Christ.

Mr. Austermell and Mr. Turril spoke of the past years. Mr. Wigney representing the mission committee, gave an impressive talk and Mr. Whitmore, our home school superintendent made a touching speech referring to the close relations which should be sustained to the home church. Messages were read from four of the men who had been preachers at Raymond in the past. After a few words Mr. Embree asked for testimonies. There were no pauses in this service, no time for singing, as one after the other with trembling voice gave praise to God for blessings received from Him through Raymond. At 10 o'clock it was almost impossible to close the meeting.

No more inspiring scene could be imagined than the sight of such a large company of people who rose when all were asked to stand who had been led to the Saviour in Raymond Mission. While this harvest of the past remained standing the invitation so many times extended was given once more and again fruit was gathered for the Master.



The Pastor's Message

Many tokens of encouragement and blessing are appearing in connection with Raymond Chapel. The old lot, from the sale of which we expected to get \$700, has yielded \$1,560. The new lot, for which we had planned to pay at least \$2,500, and probably \$3,000, has been purchased for \$2,000. Isn't this good news? The Benevolent Society has already secured pledges of more than \$1,000, leaving less than \$200 still to be raised. The Sunday School has just turned over \$300 to the treasurer.

of the fund. Other societies are doing well, but the Men's League needs to wake from its slumbers and put on its strength.

During the next two months the Pastor intends to take as complete a rest as is possible in this world of stress and strain. Several able preachers have already been engaged to supply the pulpit during July and August, amongst them, Dr. Ketman, Dr. Arthur T. Fowler of the Calvary Church, Minneapolis, Dr. J. S. Kirtley of Elgin, and Rev. Charles H. Day, of Nova Scotia. The well-known evangelist, Dr. Daniel Shepardson, who has a multitude of friends amongst us, will preach on the third Sunday in August. Both he and Dr. Ketman are honored members of our church.

The morning congregations have been large this summer, up to the present time. Let me urge that those who remain at home be faithful in their attendance at the regular services. In this way due courtesy will be shown to visiting clergymen, and the church will be in more active and resolute condition to begin the autumn and winter campaign.

Austen K. de Blois.



Take the Children to the Park

Nothing is more helpful for a Sunday School class during the summer than an afternoon with their teacher in the park. Instead of going off with a crowd take a company of boys or girls with you. You will find it more blessed to give than to receive. One mother we know who has not been to the park for fifteen years and her seven children must play in a stuffy back yard or on the hot dry street unless someone gives them the treat of a trip to the park.



Personal and Other Notes

The Boys' Club will not meet again until the first of September.

Dr. de Blois will spend some time at the Fair this summer.

Sunday evening, July 24th, The Gideons will conduct the service.

Our subscription list is gradually growing. Are you a subscriber?

Are you planning to cross the lake with our young people August 13th?

Mr. Humphrey and family spent the latter part of June visiting the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Morava are spending a few weeks at Buckingham Club, St. Louis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Atwell, was born, during the latter part of June, a baby girl.

Among the Hyde Park High School graduates this year were Miss Helen Webster and Miss Edith Gale.

Deacon Goodman has returned to the city and we present this month another chapter of the church history.

Our pastor's family have gone to summer at Alton, Ill., which is just a short distance from the World's Fair.

The B. Y. P. U. convention is in progress at Detroit. Mr. Wigney and others of our membership are attending.

Mrs. C. R. Holmes of London, worshiped with us the last Sunday in June. She was baptized in our church in other days.

Miss Moors has been ill during the month but we are glad to see her out again and at the piano in the Sunday School.

Mr. Leland is to be commended for his wisdom in selecting our new song books. The singing of the school is rapidly improving.

Mrs. Gillette has gone for the summer to Harbor Springs, Michigan. If the Roaring Brook Inn is as cool as it sounds she will have a refreshing vacation.

The training school commencement held at Immanuel church, June 28th, was the largest and best in the history of the school. Twenty-six young women were graduated.

Miss Helen Pickett, the first of July, went for an extended summer vacation in the woods of Michigan on the shores of Bass Lake, near Pentwater. Miss Elizabeth will be with her for a short time.

On June 20th Rev. M. W. Haynes was given a reception by Belden Ave. church and presented with a chest of silver. The event was to celebrate his twenty-fifth anniversary as a minister and the completion of seven fruitful years at Belden Ave. church.

Our subscription manager has been compelled to resign his position with Church Life as he has gone to Wisconsin for the summer and will be away to school this fall. We are sorry to lose so valuable a helper. Mr. Temple Williams has been untiring in his work for the increase of the subscription list of Church Life.

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H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk

June 1. Wednesday. Monthly covenant meeting. Theme: "The Lord our Helper." Psalm 18:120; 46:50.

June 3. Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Christian Endeavor prayer meeting. A leaderless meeting. Topic: "How my silence witnesses against Christ." Matt. 12:39; Luke 17:12-19.

June 4. Saturday. Boys' Club.

June 5. Sunday. In the morning Rev. A. H. Curtis spoke very interestingly on "Our Work in India." In the evening the Pastor preached on "The Inner Light."

June 6. Monday. Open-air meeting under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society addressed by the Pastor. Social meeting of the Onward Class.

June 7. Tuesday. A Silhouette social given by the Christian Endeavor Society.

June 8. Wednesday. Monthly missionary meeting. Theme: "The Chinaman at Home and Abroad." An interesting talk was given by Miss S. C. Pickett.

June 9. Friday. Social meeting of Bible Class C.

June 10. Friday. Monthly meeting of the Women's Mission Circle. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Mr. C. J. Williamson. Topic: What I must do to become Christ's disciple." Matt. 16:24-26; John 13:33-35.

June 11. Saturday. An interesting meeting of the Boys' Club. Several of the young ladies served refreshments.

June 12. Sunday. In the morning the Children's Day exercises were held. In the evening Rev. Geo. E. Day preached on "Difficulties Overcome."

June 13. Monday. A conference and social of the Sunday School teachers. Social meeting of the Onward Class.

June 14. Tuesday. Graduating exercises of the nurses of the Baptist hospital.

June 15. Wednesday. Church prayer and social service led by Ass't. Pastor Embree. Topic: "How can we help our church?" 1 Thes. 5:11-23.

June 17. Friday. Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting. The story of the life and work of Miss Isabell Crawford of Saddle Mountain was given by several of the members.

June 18. Saturday. Boys' Club.

June 19. Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor, morning; "What is Faith?" evening "The Life that Counts."

June 20. Monday. Open-air meeting addressed by Ass't. Pastor Embree. Social meeting of the Onward Class.

June 22. Wednesday. An Embroidery Tea given by the officers and executive committee of the Ladies Benevolent Society.

Church prayer and social service. Topic: "Transfigured Conscience." Romans 4:13-14.

June 23. Thursday. Social meeting of Bible Class C.

June 24. Friday. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting led by Miss Stowell. Topic: "What Paul teaches us about risen above discouragement." 2 Cor. 4:7-18.

June 25. Saturday. Annual Church ²² Sunday School picnic at Jackson Park.

June 26. Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor, morning, "Who is the Holy Spirit?" evening, "Sons of Men and the Sons of Man."

June 27. Monday. Open-air service addressed by Dr. Burlingame. Social meeting of the Onward Class.

June 29. Wednesday. Monthly covenant meeting. Topic: "The Holy Spirit Stranger or Friend." Acts 19:1-6.



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